

Friday, September 30, 1887.

The frost of last Saturday and Sunday nights is reported as damaging the tobacco crop in the Northern, North-western and North-eastern counties, but we do not believe the injury amounts to much. It is hard to tell, these times, what changeable or bad weather does to crops, as so many different stories are told about matters of that sort.

We are a decided friend of the State Guard organization in North Carolina, but we do not believe it prudent or right to ask the boys (the members of the State Guard) to leave their business, at a busy season of the year, to go to Richmond, Va., or anywhere else, on a pleasure excursion. Such trips as that will soon make the organization unpopular in this State among business men who have but a short time in the year to make money enough to pay expenses, support, &c. Therefore, we want to say that we do not approve of the efforts of our State Adjutant General, or any other State officer, to induce any Company of the State Guard to go to Richmond in October to attend the services of laying the cornerstone of a Monument to Gen. Lee or any other man. No clerk, or business man, or merchant, can afford to leave his business in October, especially those who live in a Cotton section.

UNION SUPERIOR COURT.—The Fall Term of the Superior Court for Union County was opened by Judge McRae on Monday, Sept. 19th.—F. I. Osborne, Esq., Solicitor. The following persons were drawn as a Grand Jury: T. J. Ashcraft, foreman; P. M. Cox, C. L. Helms, Harvey Starnes, J. R. Lathan, J. M. Austin, A. J. Brooks, H. D. Allen, Henry McWhirter, W. P. Neely, Davidson Brooks, J. M. Brantley, Myers Melvin, Jas. T. Brooks, N. J. McManus, Jas. W. Thomas, John Birmingham and Hampton B. Griffin.

The State Docket was pretty large, but mostly disposed of the first week. Four persons were sent to the Penitentiary, viz: Robert Sikes, col., larceny, 2 years; James Morgan, col., larceny, 2 years; A. C. Gibson, col., larceny, 5 years; Wm. Crow, col., shooting at a Railroad train, 2 years. On Tuesday of this week, the case of Effie and Jane Nelson, col., charged with infanticide, was tried.

There were 35 applicants to the Supreme Court of North Carolina last Monday, for license to practice law. The youngest applicant was 21 years old, and the eldest 55. A bad sign and a poor prospect for a living.

The Wilmington Star is 21 years old, and as good a newspaper as ever. It has met with deserved success, and we hope prosperity will still crown its publication. We are gratified at the way the Star backed us in opposition to the dangerous Blair Bill, and hope it will yet favor the abolition of that equally dangerous law known as the Internal Revenue. However, we never get displeased with any one who differs with us about public measures.

It is rather disgusting to see how some fellows, who want office, court "dear farmers," and applaud all their mistaken notions, "whether right or wrong." But the farmer is as easily humbugged as any other class of people, and the "philanthropist" of the latter day will bleed him accordingly.

We have reason to believe that all the talk by newspapers and correspondents about Hon. Thos. J. Jarvis, now Minister to Brazil, resigning for political and selfish motives, is as unjust as it is unfounded. The health of Gov. and Mrs. Jarvis is not good in Rio Janeiro, and if he does resign, it will be in consequence of bad health, caused by an unsuitable climate.

When Talmage entered his place of preaching on last Sunday he was greeted by Boulevard's March by the whole band.—Exchange.

And they say Talmage talks religion, but if he practices it one knows it in the North; but it pleases the credulous Southerner, in rural neighborhoods, to read his pot-metal sermons as published in newspapers, who think he is a better man than Beecher.

The Bond-issuing-business, which is being practiced by many corporations and counties in this and other States, is going to hurt somebody, and hurt badly at a future payment day. The thing is getting to be as bad as the Western "wildcat" schemes of a few years ago. Let prudent men stand firm under.

We ask fair-minded farmers to read some paragraphs in our local columns about trade in Charlotte, and then reflect on what is right and fair.

New Advertisements.
A Forty-Six Cotton Gin, new, for sale cheap.—J. C. Burroughs.
Agricultural Implements at and below cost.—James F. Johnston.
Mortgage Sale of Land belonging to E. L. Hinson and wife.—J. C. Barnhardt, Trustee.
A nice Plantation for sale in the Western part of this county.—W. B. Withers.
Mortgage Sale of Land belonging to M. L. Harkness and wife.—D. S. Todd, Mortgagee.
Announcement of Hargraves & Alexander in regard to selling Goods.
Notice to old Debtors who must pay.—Alexander & Harris.
Notice to the Creditors of J. Duncan, dec'd.—By John W. Miller, Adm'r.
LeRoy Davidson is the Agent for the sale of a nice Soap manufactured by Isaac DeVoe & Son, N. J.

The Goldboro Headlight gives the following timely hint to the females who seem to feel it their duty to attend to the wants of everybody except the children and other members of their own families:

"We have nothing to say against charitable works, but the mother who devotes the better part of her time to hunting up objects for charity and leaves her children to the care of an ignorant and vicious nurse, doesn't know what genuine objects of charity are. The claim which her babies have upon her charity is greater than that of any other charitable claim, and it ought to be satisfied first. Their comfort, training and happiness should be her first consideration."

The way the Raleigh merchants do, when they consider that the Railroads discriminate against their city, is to resolve to patronize only one Railroad line, and pay whatever freight is charged; not giving the other line or lines a dollar's worth of freight. In that way, it is said, the Raleigh business interests get justice done them. But Raleigh merchants, unlike Charlotte merchants, co-operate together and act together for the common good.

The medical men are now saying that Gen. Washington died from bleeding and blistering. Quite likely. That was the practice. Water was warmed to give to patients burning with fever. All air was excluded and no food was given, but a plenty of cologne and jalap. It is a positive wonder that everybody did not die under such absurd treatment. Even Washington had to go.—Wilmington Star.

And Washington did "go," and it is, indeed, a wonder that everybody was not killed in that day by the hot water process, hot air, and bleeding remedies that then prevailed. The idea of keeping a boy, who had the measles, from having a drink of cool water, was cruelty in the extreme.

Bird shooting is lawful from and after the 15th of October. Don't forget that, and don't begin shooting until that time.

President Cleveland, in his Southern and Western trip, hires his own car, selects his own company, and pays his own and friends' traveling and other expenses en route, like any other citizen. This is a Democratic administration.—Eco.

[But is Mr. Cleveland entitled to any particular credit for this when it is remembered he gets more money for one year's salary than many good men get in a life-time.]

The following is good information for those who are ashamed to ask questions to learn what they do not know:

"In making up a party for traveling excursions," said Charles Dudley Warner to a friend who was planning one, "always be sure to have it include at least one ignorant woman. She will ask all the questions you are ashamed to ask or think you don't need to ask, and you will show a vast deal of information you would otherwise lose."

A correspondent writing from Greensboro makes mention of the following curious case:

"Mr. Ed. Hendrix, a young merchant of this place, has just passed through a most remarkable experience. He was attacked about two weeks ago with a severe case of muscular rheumatism. After a week of intense suffering, the pain being confined to his legs and head, he became very hoarse, and in a few hours lost entirely his voice and hearing. He was as completely deaf and dumb as if he had been born so. This continued for a week when suddenly one night, after he had been in bed and asleep about thirty minutes, he was aroused by the whistle of a locomotive which was passing within a few rods of his dwelling. He at once became aware of the fact that both the faculties of hearing and speech were fully restored. What may have been the cause of the affliction or its removal the doctors are utterly at a loss to explain; but Mr. Hendrix was soon on the streets again shaking hands with his friends, the happiest man in town."

So, there is some good in the noise of locomotive whistles.

An exchange makes the following statement for the benefit of those who are always wanting to compare Southern delinquencies with what they are pleased to term Northern thrift:

"It appears that the city of New York has in one ward 8,000 children of school age who have no school to go to, and 4,000 who are obliged to attend private schools. Yet the Northern papers are continually berating the South for alleged inadequate school facilities. The State of Vermont, we believe, is now in a very much worse condition than New York city, and worse off than any Southern State."

Lincoln Superior Court will open on Monday next—Judge McRae will preside, and F. I. Osborne, Esq., discharge the duties of Solicitor.

A decided sensation has been caused at the little town of Greenville, Pitt county, by the appearance of a United States artillery officer whose station is Fortress Monroe. The officer arrived Thursday, and at once made careful examination of the marriage registers in the Court House. He made a surprising discovery. He had a daughter who was young and beautiful. Three years ago a young man who hailed from North Carolina met the girl, wooed, and won her. In some way the father of the girl was recently informed that his daughter's marriage was illegal, as her husband had a wife still living in Pitt county. His search of the records proved the truth of this. His son-in-law is a bigamist, whose legal wife deserted some years ago, now lives in Pitt county. The son-in-law repented himself as a single man.

The scoundrel deserves hanging!

ASSISTANT SURGEON-GENERAL.—The Governor has forwarded a commission to Dr. J. M. Baker, of Tarboro as Assistant Surgeon General of the North Carolina State Guard, vice Dr. Hubert Haywood, recently appointed Surgeon-General. Dr. Baker is one of the youngest physicians in eastern Carolina, but his reputation and ability as a physician are second to none. The appointment is a very happy and appropriate one.

A Raleigh correspondent writes to the Richmond Dispatch as follows about an important North Carolina matter:

"Col. John Robinson, Commissioner of Agriculture of N. C., has received a letter from a member of the Georgia Legislature, stating that the legislative committee had decided to adopt the North Carolina plan for regulating the sale of fertilizers. In reply to an inquiry as to the practical working and benefits of the North Carolina system, Commissioner Robinson says last year it saved the farmers of the State one million dollars, and that under its provisions they secured a grade of fertilizers one sixth better. The system gives the least trouble to manufacturers, farmers and officers of the Department. At the next session of the Legislature Commissioner Robinson says he will secure a more policing or protecting feature in the act. His desire is to secure uniform law in all the Southern Atlantic States, which plan will be beneficial to all concerned. It is his purpose, he informs me, to call a meeting of all Commissioners of Agriculture and Secretaries of those States, to be held at Atlanta, to discuss and secure a uniform law on the subject. The Department of Agriculture has seized and today ordered the sale of a car-load of commercial fertilizers. The seizure was made at Winston. The Commissioner of Agriculture says the firm is bringing fertilizers into the State without license, and selling it to unsuspecting dealers and farmers, who think it is tax-paid goods. This will get dealers farmers into trouble, as the law makes it penal to handle such goods. The department will fight the firm to the hilt. The proceeds of such sales of seized fertilizers go to the department. Another seizure was to-day reported of the same firm's goods at Raleigh."

New Lawyers.
The N. C. Supreme Court, on the 27th inst., granted licenses to the following persons to practice law:
Joseph D. Boushall of Camden county, Wallace N. Scott of Guilford, Joseph Spahnour of Wilkes, Joseph L. C. Bird of McDowell, James M. Norfleet of Edgecombe, Charles H. Duls of Mecklenburg, Julian S. Mann of Hyde, Thos. R. Ransom of Northampton, Oliver O. Byrum of Chatham, William W. Kitchen of Halifax, Eli E. Hilliard of Halifax, Hiram A. Wittington of Yancey, William H. McNeill of Cumberland, Alex. W. McAllister of Randolph, Archibald A. Hicks of Granville, William B. Edmondson of Wayne, Rufus A. Hawkins of Warren, Martin L. Martin of Rutherford, J. M. Michaux of Guilford, Jacob Stewart of Davie, John E. Vann of Hertford, Forest W. Whitaker of Halifax, John N. Wilson of Guilford, Clement G. Wright of Guilford, William H. Ruffin of Wilson, Benj. F. Taylor of Wilson, Willie M. Person of Franklin, Geo. W. Sparzer of Surry, Andrew H. Allen of Iredell, Francis P. Beard of Perquimans, John G. Shaw of Cumberland, Thos. C. Guthrie of Richmond, Herbert L. Greene of Wilkes, Marcus M. Parks of Alleghany.

The laws in this State, in regard to the inspection, control, &c., of commercial fertilizers are, as has been stated, about to be adopted by Texas also. The Commissioner of Agriculture of that State is in correspondence with Commissioner Robinson, of this State, in regard to the matter.

The Philadelphia Bulletin notes that more than a hundred divorce cases were disposed of in the Chicago Courts Saturday and comments as follows:
"That city still retains its pre-eminence as the great divorce centre of the country. It is evident that the teachers of law and morals in Chicago have problems to deal with as grave as those which the Archbishops have presented. A record of one hundred divorces in one day argues the existence of a deplorably low condition of social morals."
A pretty bad showing for Chicago, unquestionably.

AN EARLY FALL PREDICTED.—Under this heading, in our issue of July 14th, our crop editor said there would be a killing frost on the light of the moon, which would fall on Oct. 1, and sure enough Sept. 25th brought a frost all over the Piedmont section of this State and Virginia. This prophecy was based upon the first singing of the katydid—which always occurs ninety days before frost, and as this insect made its appearance some fifteen days earlier than usual, an early frost was predicted. The Dutch saying will do to observe.—Greensboro North Star.

Mr. Thomas Guthrie, a son of Rev. T. W. Guthrie, and Mr. John Wilson, a son of Rev. Dr. N. H. Wilson, are among the young men who were licensed to practice law by the Supreme Court this week. We wish them both very great success.—Raleigh Advocate.

Those who are in a position to do so, estimate that there will be raised in the South this year five hundred and thirty-five millions of bushels of corn, fifty-four millions bushels more than last year. Indications are that there is a good crop of everything. What a thanksgiving day we ought to have!

REV. DR. DEEMS.—Dr. Deems' many friends will read with pleasure the following: "On Monday evening Oct. 3, the parishioners of the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems, in the Church of the Strangers, will tender him a reception. The event will be in honor of the completion of the twenty-first year of his ministry with them. Efforts are being made to make the occasion one of unusual interest and a number of prominent laymen and laywomen have already signified their intention of presenting their congratulations personally to one of New York's most popular ministers."

By the death of Ex-Senator Jos. Cilley of New Hampshire, Simon Cameron of Pennsylvania, becomes the oldest surviving Ex-Senator. He was born in 1799, and is followed by Ex-Senator Jas. Bradbury of Maine, born in 1805, Jefferson Davis, born in 1808, and Hannibal Hamlin, born in 1809. Mr. Cameron served in the Senate with Messrs. Cilley, Bradbury, Davis and Hamlin.

The ancient cannibal killed his fellow, cut him to pieces, cooked, and ate him. The modern cannibal by the sword of his tongue kills his brother man. His brother's reputation, which is dearer than his body, is devoured at the dinner-table of the neighbor. On such food no Christian can prosper. He who makes a habit of devouring other people is preparing himself into a meal for a cannibal perhaps more ferocious than himself.

Presbytery of Mecklenburg.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg met at Long Creek Church, Gaston county, on Sept. 21st. The session was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. P. Davis of Shelby. Eighteen ministers and sixteen elders were present.

Rev. P. R. Law of Monroe, the last Moderator present, called the meeting to order and constituted it with prayer, after which Rev. J. M. McLean was elected Moderator, and Rev. P. R. Law and Rev. T. A. Wharton temporary Clerks.

The following committees were appointed: Bills and Overtures, Rev. E. P. Davis, Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, R. A. White, Esq.; Judicial, Rev. W. O. Cochran, Rev. J. A. Wharton, W. W. Alexander, Esq.; Minutes of General Assembly, Rev. A. W. Miller, D. D., Rev. P. R. Law, W. I. Stowe, Esq.

The report of the Commissioners to the last Assembly was approved and their diligence was commended.

R. B. Alexander, Esq., of Charlotte, was elected Treasurer pro tem. J. E. Brown, Esq., was re-elected a Trustee of Davidson College.

Rev. J. N. Craig, Secretary of Home Missions, addressed the Presbytery on the subject of Sustentation, Evangelistic Cause, and Colored Education.

Rev. J. B. Mack presented the claims of Davidson College upon the support and liberality of the Church throughout this Presbytery.

A resolution offered last Spring endorsing the action of Assembly at Augusta, Ga., in reference to Evolution, and the case of Dr. Woodrow, came up for consideration. The mover was granted leave to make a substitute restricting the resolution to Evolution, and then, without debate, the substitute was laid on the table.

Memorials of deceased ministers were read, that of Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., by Rev. G. D. Parks, and that of Rev. W. A. McDonald by Rev. R. Z. Johnston.

The transfer of the Church property of the Highlands Mission to the Presbytery of Mecklenburg was admitted to record.

A call from the Huntersville Church for the pastoral services of Rev. J. R. McAlpine was presented.

A resolution was adopted warning the members of Presbyterian Churches against countenancing or in any way supporting the Homish schools which it is now being attempted to establish within the bounds of the Presbytery.

Mr. Lee McNair of Swannanoa Church, was received as a candidate for the ministry.

Little Britain church was granted permission to employ Licentiate M. A. Henderson.

Rev. E. P. Davis and Elder J. E. Brown were elected respondents in the matter of the complaint of certain Presbyteries against the action of the Presbytery touching the liquor question; and a paper was adopted setting forth certain defects in the complaint.

Sugar Creek church was chosen as the place and Wednesday before the third Sabbath of April as the time for the next meeting.

Rev. W. E. McIlwaine, with two elders, was appointed to prosecute the case of Huntersville church for the services of Rev. J. R. McAlpine before Bethel Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Boyce of Transylvania Presbytery presented his dismission which was docketed and a committee appointed to examine into the matter.

The committee of Foreign Missions report \$3,958 contributed to this cause, and in the church at large an increase of \$11,000 over any preceding year.

The committee on Home Missions report recommending appropriations to the amount \$1,900 for the county lists of this Presbytery, and the appointment of sub-committees in the Piedmont region and also in the mountain region to co-operate with the executive committee in Charlotte. The mountain committee consists of Rev. W. S. P. Bryan, Rev. W. H. Davis, Rev. T. A. Wharton and C. E. Graham, Esq.

A resolution of thanks to the people for the hospitality and to the Piedmont Air-Line Railroad for reduced rates was adopted.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported in reply to an overture that while a sessional quorum consists of the pastor and two elders "no judicious session will transact important business without reasonable efforts to notify all the members."

The committee on Education reported seven candidates for the ministry and an expenditure of \$825. Special thanks were returned to C. E. Graham, Esq., and Dr. H. Adams for liberal aid during the year.

An executive committee of Home Missions for the ensuing year was appointed consisting of Revs G. L. Cook, G. D. Parks, A. G. Ruckner, W. O. Cochran, R. A. Miller, W. E. McIlwaine, Col. J. L. Brown, and John E. Oates and James Hutchison, Esqrs.

The application of J. S. Morrow, (exord) to be received as candidate for the ministry was referred to the committee on Education.

Rev. P. R. Law offered his resignation as pastor of Monroe church and the church having been heard from the relation was dissolved.

Rev. Thos. H. Law, agent American Bible Society, presented the claims of that society.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet in Second Church, Charlotte, October 24th at 10 a. m.

[Note.—We learn that the resolution about Evolution which was laid on the table, undertook to assert that the Church had no business making declarations or enunciations on scientific subjects. We have not another word to say on such matters, and ask pardon for what we have heretofore said.]

Female Murderer.—LYNCHBURG, Va., Sept. 26.—A woman who gives the name of Mrs. Jennie Thorley was arrested in the National Exchange Bank today while attempting to take a check on the New Orleans National Bank for \$15,000 cashed. The check is either raised or forged.

Col. Fred. Grant, the head of the Republican State ticket in New York, is simply a man without a record. He has done nothing whatever of note during the thirty-seven years of his life. His greatest feat was in marrying a millionairess. He is simply an idler.

It is regarded an particularly fortunate that so large a proportion of the tobacco crop was cut and housed when the frost came last week. The season was earlier than usual and frost has come considerably in advance of the ordinary time. None of the other crops have been injured. A prominent tobacco-man said that only a sixteenth of the crop might be regarded as affected.

Mutual Benefits.

I regret to see that there seems to be a prejudice in the minds of many of our country people against Charlotte and its business matters. It is much to be regretted, as it is an injury to the City's business. Whatever builds up and prospers city people also builds up and prospers country people—the prosperity of one is the prosperity of both. Charlotte pays nearly one-half the taxes of the county of Mecklenburg, because Charlotte real estate and Charlotte merchants are highly taxed in assessments. If the business of the city is injured and depreciated, the assessments on city real estate must be lowered and higher assessments made on land in the country, and consequently a higher tax imposed on country land. I do not hesitate to say that the valuation of city real estate is now too high compared with the valuation of land in the country, and that there is a discrimination made against Charlotte by the farmers of the county, then citizens of Charlotte should call for a new valuation of property. There should be no condescension of city and country interests—both should stand together. Even a fool might know that if the interests of country people, or city people, were promoted, it would tend to benefit all interests.

In the Agricultural office at Raleigh there is a handsomely framed certificate and diploma, which was awarded to Agricultural Commissioner, Col. John Robinson, by the Atlanta Cotton Exposition of 1881, for the best bale of cotton from North Carolina.

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. have declared three and a half per cent. interest on the certificates of indebtedness, payable on and after Oct. 1st.—Wm. Review.

A semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent has been declared by the Board of Directors of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Company, payable on and after Oct. 1st. The transfer books will be closed until the 2d proximo.

A drug clerk in Kansas plead guilty to an indictment containing 2,080 counts, for violation of the prohibition law, and was sentenced to seventeen years and four months in jail and to a fine of \$20,800.

The assertion is very positively made that President Cleveland will pass through Western North Carolina on his way to Washington from the Atlanta Exposition. He has heard glowing accounts of the rare beauty of the mountains near Asheville, and it is said greatly desires to see them. If this be true he will pass out of the State by way of Greensboro and Danville, and North Carolinians will have an opportunity for a glimpse of a man they so greatly desire to see and to honor.

Why can't the Labor Party get what it wants under a Democratic administration headed by Cleveland. Let 1887 be the year to adopt his suggestions and appoint a commission to settle all questions of labor and capital. This, it seems to us, will meet the ends aimed at by the Labor Party.—Hillsboro Recorder.

AN INGENIOUS INVENTION.—Mr. W. B. Farrar, our inventive watch-maker, who has patented more useful inventions than any man in the State, has completed his latest machine—which is ahead of anything he has ever attempted—and unlike anything else ever patented he calls it "Farrar's Lightning Watch Regulator," and claims that by its use he can accurately regulate watches by machinery, and in a few minutes, while the present process is not only tedious, and slow, but very unreliable. It must be seen to be appreciated, and it will take a scientific watch-maker to understand it then; yet, Mr. Farrar says it is so perfectly adjusted that any one can use it. From our standpoint, it seems to be the great desideratum of the age; will no doubt, bring our friend much wealth when fairly introduced, and immortalize his name among all watch-makers and scientific inventors.—Greensboro North Star.

Spain having, by agreement with the United States, removed certain commercial restrictions on our commerce with Cuba and her other colonial possessions, the discriminations we have heretofore imposed in retaliation on Spanish trade, have now been removed by proclamation of the President. This does not establish trade with those Spanish possessions, but merely puts trade with them on the same basis as trade with other countries.

MARRIED.
In this city, by Rev. F. D. Swindell, on the 27th inst., Mr. J. H. Hicks and Miss Connie Myers, daughter of Mr. R. B. Myers.

In this city, on the 23d inst., by Rev. T. S. Brown, Mr. J. B. Cushing and Miss Annie L. Stevens, daughter of Mr. G. K. Stevens.

In Cabarrus county, on the 18th inst., by Rev. A. L. Moser, Mr. Nicholas A. Hipp and Miss Alice Basinger.

In Lincoln county, on the 21st inst., by R. S. Reinhardt, Esq., Mr. H. A. Lofton and Miss Bettie Bigmon, daughter of Mr. Wash. Bigmon. Also, on the same day, by J. F. Davis, Esq., Mr. M. Howard and Miss Mamie Bradshaw.

In Statesville, on the 11th inst., by Rev. D. G. Caldwell, Mr. George M. F. Coker and Miss Emma Lou Ely, daughter of Rev. G. W. Ivey.

In Washington City, on the 31st inst., by Rev. Dr. Addison, Mr. David M. Anderson, formerly of Caldwell, and Miss Dorra Thomas of Richmond, Va.

DIED.
In Taylorsville, on the 24th inst., Rev. C. A. Gault, aged 40 years, a member of the N. C. Conference M. E. Church, South.

In this county, Steel Creek township, suddenly on the 26th inst., Mr. Star Neely, aged 59 years.

In Forsythe county, 10 miles from Winston on the Yadkin River, suddenly on Sunday evening the 25th inst., Mrs. Eliza J. Conrad, aged about 60 years, widow of the late Capt. Alex. Conrad, and daughter of Alexander Springs, deceased, of Charlotte. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and lived the life of a Christian, active in all good works.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, Sept. 28, 1887.
About 1,800 bales Cotton were sold here this week, and our buyers paid every cent in cash for it they were able to pay, and at the same time pay house rent and other expenses. 8¢ and 8½¢ were the ruling cash prices on Thursday; but earlier in the week 8½¢ was paid for several bales of a good grade.

Corn and Meal 20 cents per bushel; new Peas 65 cents; Oats 45¢.

Eggs in demand at 12¢ cents per dozen for fresh Eggs from the country; Butter 90 and 25 cents per pound; Chickens 12¢ to 20 cents each.

Floor, from country Mills, \$2.15 to \$2.25 per sack.

Other Markets.
NEW YORK, Sept. 29, 1887.
Cotton quiet at 5½¢ for best grade. Prices for future delivery steady.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 29, 1887.
Middleling Uplands Cotton 5½¢ pence; Orleans 5.5-16 pence.

Local Items.

Country merchants in the surrounding section, who have credited the farmer for supplies during the past year or two, can afford to pay their debtors more for their cotton (in order to get their bills paid) than can the cotton buyer who holds no claims, but pays cash. It is a well known fact here, that some country merchants, who paid a fraction more for cotton than was offered by the Charlotte buyers, sent the very same cotton to Charlotte and sold it to our dealers for less than they paid for it, simply because it was the market price as ruled by New York quotations; and the country merchant did a good business in that way, for he got his old debt paid by the cotton which he bought from his country customer.

The New York purchasing and shipping regulations require that a bale of Cotton shall weigh 400 pounds or over, therefore our dealers here must require the farmer to make his bale weigh at least 400 pounds, or it is not considered merchantable. The Railroads require as much freight for a 300 or 350 pound bale as they do for a 400 or 500 pound bale. We think farmers can now see that it is to the advantage of all to make heavy bales.

We are pleased to learn that the "Macon School," in this city, for Boys, is well patronized this season. The School is No. 1, and Capt. Barrier and Prof. Matz, who have charge of it, can be endorsed as gentlemen of the highest respectability, and reliable in every way.

And the same may be said of the Charlotte Female Seminary, governed by Rev. W. R. Atkinson. It also has a large share of public patronage. This Fall.

In Steel Creek township, last Tuesday, Mr. A. L. Thomas met with an accident at a Cotton Gin, which necessitated the amputation of one of his arms.

Some one who wants a nice new Cotton Gin should call on J. C. Burroughs, who has one for sale at reduced rates. Also, call on Capt. Jas. F. Johnston for several Agricultural Implements at low rates. And also, on J. G. Shanhouse & Co. for farming materials.

Frost appeared in this section on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Sept. 24th and 25th. No harm was done, as the weather was very dry, not having had rain for nearly a month.

There was a good rain, however, on Tuesday and Wednesday last in all this section.

A fire near Huntersville, last Sunday morning, destroyed a barn, two mules, a cow, and a considerable quantity of roughness belonging to Mr. R. H. W. Barker.

S. Watson Reid, Esq., Secretary of the Mecklenburg County Bible Society, requests us to inquire if any one has any proceedings or accounts of the Society meetings from 1880 to 1885. The Society was organized in 1880, but Mr. Reid has none of its proceedings from that date to 1885. He is compiling a sketch or history of the Society, and hopes those who have information about it will furnish it to him at Steel Creek P. O.

Several land sales and other important notices will be found in to-day's Democrat. No intelligent man, who wants information, should fail to read advertising notices.

When Charlotte had a population in 1856 of about 2,000, a wagon load of Flour glutted the market, and there was scarcely any demand for butter, eggs, chickens, meal, corn, potatoes, &c. Now, that the city has grown, a thousand wagon loads of such stuff will not glut the market, and prices for country produce are a great deal higher. Yet, we hear that some of our country friends are so short-sighted as not to appreciate the increased demand for their products by the increase of Charlotte's population, and entertain a prejudicial jealousy towards the city. It should not be that way, for if the city's prosperity is injured, our country friends will have to make up the loss in the way of increased assessments and taxes on their country property, as a correspondent in to-day's paper shows.

Star Neely, Esq., a prosperous farmer and good citizen of Steel Creek township, this county, died suddenly on Monday morning last at 5 o'clock. He was at church the day before (Sunday) and apparently in good health.

We had the pleasure of a call, last Monday, from Hon. J. R. Webster, Speaker of the last House of Representatives of our General Assembly. He was on his way to see a sick relative in Richmond county.

Agricultural Implements.
I am selling at and below cost:
Large lot Bone Meal.
One Sackful Sulky Plow.
One Syracuse Sulky Plow.
One Corn and Cob Crusher.
One Riding Cultivator.
One 45 Fratt Gin, Feeder and Condenser, second hand.
2 Buckeye Pumps.
Pulleys; one Jack, nearly new. Piping; one 4"